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SUBJ: PROPOSED FRENCH-BUILT NUCLEAR REPROCESSING
PLANT

1. ON SEPTEMBER 4 ACTING FRENCH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR,
OLIVIER LOUIS, PROVIDED A/DCM WITH SOME INTERESTING
INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUBJECT PROJECT. LOUIS SAID
THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHEREBY THE FRENCH WOULD BUILD A
NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT IN PAKISTAN HAD BEEN
PROGRESSING REASONABLY WELL UNTIL THE MARTINIQUE MEETING BETWEEN

PRESIDENT FORD AND FRENCH PRESIDENT D'ESTAING,
AT WHICH THE GOF AGREED TO TIGHTEN UP ITS SAFEGUARD
ARRANGEMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOF IS NOW INSISTING
ON "VERY, VERY TIGHT" SAFEGUARDS FOR THE PROJECT.
THE PAKISTANIS ARE VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS AND HAVE BEEN
PRESSURING THE FRENCH TO MODIFY THEIR CONDITIONS. THIS,
LOUIS SAID, THE GOF WILL NOT DO, AND AS A RESULT THE

PROJECT HAS NOW BEEN IN "SUSPENSION" FOR TWO MONTHS.
LOUIS ADDED THAT THE GOP HAD VERY MUCH HOPED TO SIGN
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THE PROJECT AGREEMENT IN PARIS WHEN PM BHUTTO MAKES HIS

OFFICIAL TRIP THERE IN OCTOBER BUT THIS IS NOW PROBLEMATICAL
SINCE THE GOP HAS NOT INDICATED IT IS PRAPARED TO AGREE
TO THE FRENCH CONDITIONS.

2. COMMENT. FRANCE IS NOT THE ONLY COUNTRY WITH WHICH
THE GOP IS HAVING SAFEGUARD PROBLEMS. AS THE DEPT
KNOWS, THE GOP HAS NOT YET AGREED TO A NEW CANADIAN-GOP
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THREE EARLIER AGREEMENTS
NOW IN EFFECT.
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